

University of Missouri Libraries Staff Association
MULSA Annual Meeting
May 16, 2007
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Ellis Library Staff lounge

The 2007 annual meeting Minutes were read and approved.

Annual reports were read. Summaries follow:

Treasurer's report:

Total income for the year: \$2,188.93

Total expenses for the year: \$3,008.64

Checking balance: \$974.92

Savings account: \$3,353.67

CD: \$4,162.57

New Covenant Balanced Income Fund: \$4,909.31

(purchased on June 28, 2004:\$4,000)

Total balance: \$13,400.47

Muse:

Rachel Brekhus and Mike Spears.

Two issues of the Muse were produced, a Winter 2006 and a Spring 2007 issue. There was insufficient interest to justify additional issues. Online editor Michael Spears, in addition to producing the online Muse, transferred the MULSA website to the new server and updated its organization. The next issue will be a Special Issue on Special Collections. With many recent and planned changes to that department, we hope the theme will generate interest.

Staff Lounge:

Mary Ann Hainen in her report thanked staff lounge cleaners Adrienne Arden, Rachel Brekhus, Cindy Cotner, Michaelle Dorsey, and Karen Eubanks. Adrienne purchased items to add to the ambience of the lounge, Michaelle and Adrienne launder dish towels and dish rags. Vic for helping to buy water filters throughout the year. CPRR recycles newspapers for MULSA. The committee spent \$117.47 on supplies.

Community Service:

Steve Clayton reported that Kathy Peters, who served as Community Service Chair during the previous year, continued to work with The Central Missouri Food Bank and Bluebird Closet; Ruthe Morse continued her work with the Adopted Families program; Michaelle Dorsey was our liason to Columbia Second Chance; The Book Sale for SUNO was chaired by both Wayne Sanders and Ruthe Morse. Steve personally chaired the Eldercare Center Reading program, now called the Adult Day Connection reading program. Also the Adult Day Connection program has been successful and rewarding. More readers are needed during this next year. Volunteers should contact Steve.

Courtesy Report:

Delores Fisher reported that the committee sent

17 sympathy cards, 4 get Well cards, 4 get Well plants, 6 sympathy donations, 1 sympathy plant, 1 retirement gift card, 2 wedding cards, 1 wedding gift card, and 1 retirement donation.

Book Sale:**Book Sale in Copy Services**

MULSA received payment for FY05/06 book sale proceeds in the amount of \$1745.88 in September. We also received monthly sales figures from the beginning through the end of the fiscal year.

Jim Cogswell announced at the All Staff Meeting on Jan. 10, 2007, that the Book Sale area had grossed over \$4,500 from July 1-Dec, 2006. This was a 27% increase over the same period in the previous FY. If sales are consistent, we should earn roughly \$500 more than last year – making it \$2250 for the FY 0607.

Better World Books

Better World Books accepts Ellis library discards at no cost and supplies boxes and pays for shipping.. BWB resells these books and donates 15% of the profits quarterly to one of three literacy partners. Ellis selected the Center for Family Literacy and earmarked the money for Hurricane Katrina relief for libraries.

The Co-Chairs discussed Better World Books' programs with Bob Almony in July, and he agreed that books which did not sell in the collector's case after a period of time would become the property of MULSA. MULSA also receives any profits from online sales through Better World Books' program. A secondary account was set up with BWB for this purpose, from which MULSA should receive 15% profits paid quarterly (per calendar year, once a minimum of \$50 has been met) and a percentage will also go to the National Center for Family Literacy, a literacy partner with a Hurricane Katrina program.

Michener & Rutledge

Walter Michener of Michener & Rutledge, Buyers & Sellers of Scholarly Books, contacted Karen Darling, who forwarded his message about gift books and discards to us. He buys books from academic institutions (such as Washington University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, etc.). In February and April combined, he purchased 372 books from MULSA for a total of \$1,672 (33 @ \$7.00, 228 @ \$5.00, 101 @ \$3.00, & 12 @ \$1.00). These were books which had already been through the sale or outside the scope of the sale.

Donations

In June 2006, 17 boxes of books and journals were donated to Southern University at New Orleans. Charlie Seavey of SISLT drove them to New Orleans during the ALA Annual Conference.

In October, two boxes of books were donated by MULSA to the Guria Youth Center in the Republic of Georgia. Library Administration paid for the shipping.

In response to a request from a group of Elementary Education students at MU, MULSA donated three boxes of materials for their professor to use in literacy education of street children in Guatemala.

Just last month, MULSA donated a box of science fiction and popular paperback books in general for ages 23-40 to Michelle Proctor, of Hospitality Services of University Hospital. Sue Barnes advised us of their request. The Board expects to continue working with this group in the future.

Work days

MULSA has held a few pricing days for collectable books with the help of Linda Lyle and recently held a work day to sort and package picked over books. Please let Ruthe know if you would be interested in helping.

Questions from MULSA members

Jim asked for a comparison between the ongoing book sale and the biennial book sale. The proceeds received are about the same as the biennial sale, but with the selling of the over-picked over books to Mitchener and Rutledge, MULSA might be making more money. The work requires two people working all year long with the ongoing sale while MULSA had a large group of volunteers working over a shorter period of time on the biennial sale. Storage for books is a problem with the ongoing sale.

Rachel Brekhus (Reference) mentioned that MULSA was able to donate books to more worthy causes than simply discarding or recycling the remaining books.

Adrienne Areden (Acquisitions) wondered how MULSA might get more people to help with the sale so the Book Sale co-chairs would not have to do all the work. Wayne said that the co-chairs plan on calling for volunteers to help with the sorting of books on work days.

Social chairs: (Karla Geerlings)

The June 16, 2006, Annual Picnic was held at Stephen's Lake Park (Gordon Shelter) with an Old Fashioned Picnic theme and was catered by Jack's Gourmet, supplemented by carry-in donations. [\$140-food; \$10.30-ice; \$50-raffle; \$25-shelter: \$225.30 total]

Other activities are as follows:

August 31st, 2006, the Mad Hatter's New Staff Tea featured the hat collection of Ruthe Morse (2:30-4:00) A pen and a pad of sticky notes were presented to each new staff member [\$14.71-pencils].

October 3rd, 2006, the Executive Board Wine & Cheese & Old Photos—The Executive Board met for refreshments and to coordinate the MULSA photo albums in a more-or-less chronological order. Persons in photos whose names were still in our collective memories were identified.

October 31st, 2006, the Halloween Party (2:30-4:00) once again included a pumpkin decorating contest and a costume contest—prizes donated by Adrienne Arden.

November 16th, 2006, the Thanksgiving Feast (11:30-1:30) featured traditional fare, catered by Jack's Gourmet [\$325.00].

December 18th, 2006, the Holiday Caroling—a few die-hard singers caroled the Ellis Library, State Historical Society and Western Historical Manuscripts

December 19th, 2006, the Winter Holiday Party was held in the lower colonnade [\$89.10].

March 15, 2007, the Spring Fling, celebrated all things Spring.

May 16, 2007, the Annual Meeting was held [\$30.88-supplies+\$40 projected budget].

June 29, 2007, the Annual Picnic—Summer Carnival theme, will be held at Gordon Shelter, Stephens Lake Park [\$25-shelter+\$200 projected budget].

Projected total expenses for social events in 2006/2007 (including a picnic at either end of the year)—approx. \$950.

Other activities undertaken by the Social Chair include

- rotation of display items in the MULSA display case
- rewrite of the MULSA brochure (publication pending constitutional vote on 5/16/07)
- organizing of supplies and decorations
- assuring that recycling is removed from the staff lounge in a timely fashion

Special thanks go to Ruthe Morse, Wayne Sanders and Tammy Green, who have taken a special interest in assuring that events go smoothly and that the Social Chair emerges with her sanity and her dignity mostly intact.

Election results:

Election of officers: The following candidates were introduced and with no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected:

P- Steve Clayton
VP- Tammy Green
Secretary- Jack Batterson
Treasurer- Mark Ellis
Staff Room chair- Adrienne Arden
Courtesy Chair- Delores Fisher
Social Co-chairs- Karla Geerlings and Michelle Baggett
Muse editor- Michael Spears and Rachel Brekhus
Book sale co-chair- Ruthe Morse.
Community Service Chair- Mary Hainen

Wayne Sanders, book sale, term ends next year.

26 people were present at the meeting.

Proposal:

Effective July 1, 2007, first time employees, excluding student assistants, of the MU Libraries, University Archives, and Library Systems Office will be given one year free membership in MULSA, to begin the month the employment starts and to end after one year.

Reason:

MULSA wants to establish free membership to all employees. In order to reach this goal, MULSA must find ways to encourage new and continuing membership. Currently, the dues paid and various fundraising projects are helping to build a fund to achieve this aim.

The vote outcome was 24 yes, and 3 no

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Batterson
Secretary